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## Paternal Gift Farm

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Paternal Gift Farm  
Highland, Maryland

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Historically the land is associated with Dr. Charles Alexander Warfield, who patented a 510 acre tract of land for his son, Gustavus Warfield, under the name "Paternal Gift" in 1803. In the late nineteenth century it was associated with Samuel Harding whose family held the property until 1937, when Mr. Warwick Keegan acquired it, creating the fine architectural composition we see today. The building is designated on both the 1860 Martennet Map and the Hopkins' Atlas of 1878.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

Paternal Gift Farm

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

13555 Route 108, Clarksville Pike

CITY, TOWN

Highland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Allen

301-854-2908

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

13555 Route 108

CITY, TOWN

Highland

VICINITY OF

Maryland, STATE zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

Tax Map

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Parcel

493

Liber #: 1644

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Folio #: 001

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

May, 1988

FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Paternal Gift Farm faces south on the east side of Route 108, four tenths (4/10) of a mile south of its intersection with Route 216 at Highland Junction. The house is located on a 3.748 acre site on the crest of a hill. In addition to the two and a half story high, frame house, the property is improved by a square, tent-roofed frame, smoke house, a large horse barn, a small barn, two small sheds and an in-ground, decked swimming pool. The site is outlined by white board fencing, which separates it from an adjoining horse farm once a part of the property. The house is designated on Tax Map 40, Block 10, Parcel 493; on the Hopkins' Atlas of 1878, Fifth District; and on the 1860 Martennet Map of Howard County, Maryland.

Between the years 1937 and 1947 major renovations were undertaken by Mr. Warwick Keegan, consisting of raising the roof and outline of the existing, central entrance bay and building a two story high, frame, living-room, master bedroom addition off the east wall of this central entrance bay. These two additions were thoughtfully executed, set back at each stage on the north elevation of the house, which permits the outline of the original two bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west), frame, New England Colonial Style, farm house to dominate. This is augmented still further by the extensive boxwood planting at the north and south corner of the east elevation of the living room addition.

This original, colonial style building features corner quoins, deep barge boards along the eave line, proportionally scaled, tripartite, Palladian windows on the north elevation, gabled roof dormer windows on the north and south elevations, and an asymmetrical floor plan, surrounding a wide brick, central chimney. (Please see Attachment 5 - Floor Plan) Its interior plan today presents a central hall plan, with rooms of the original house arranged off its west wall, and a large living room off its east. A two story high, shed roofed open porch is featured on the south elevation of the living room addition, and a one story high, shed roofed, screen porch along the three east bays of the original houses' south elevation.

### SOUTH ELEVATION

This elevation features the front facade of the house. It presents three dominant themes. They are: 1) The central, two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) frame, entrance bay; 2) the four bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame, early

nineteenth century, New England Colonial style section; and 3) the two bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, tin gabled roof (running east-west), frame living room addition. A two story high, shed roofed, open porch runs along this entire elevation.

The west wing or nineteenth century, Colonial Style, building block features a rectangular, double-hung, first floor window in its west bay, surmounted by a similar, proportionally scaled, second floor window, in the west bay and a double french door, leading out to a one story high, shed roofed, open porch, in its east bay. Above this porch three second floor, rectangular, double-hung windows are placed. Two gabled roof, dormer windows are inset into the roof line. The central, rectangular entrance door of the central entrance bay is surmounted by a rectangular, double-hung window and pediment.

#### NORTH ELEVATION

This elevation indicates the three sections of the present building: 1) the early nineteenth century, New England Colonial, farm house; 2) the mid-twentieth century, frame, living room addition and 3) the two story high, central, intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) entrance bay, which connects these two sections into an exceptionally unified composition.

This integrated plan results from the fine connection made between the central entrance bay and the nineteenth century farm house. Ship lap frame siding is featured on both these walls. A one story high, shed roofed, open porch runs along the central entrance bay, which is inset along the east wall of the original structure. It provides shelter from inclement weather and a transition between the old and new sections of the house.

The nineteenth century building block features proportionally scaled, tripartite, Palladian windows in the west bay of this north elevation. They are particularly noteworthy, for they occur very infrequently in the architecture of Howard County. The east bay features a first floor, hipped roof, bay window, with a second floor, tripartite, Palladian window centered above it. The gabled roof holds three, gabled roof, attic, dormer windows. A flat, wooden cornice runs along its roof line.

The fine connection between the old and new sections of the house continues with the set back of the mid-twentieth century, living room addition, from the two story high, central entrance bay. The heavily landscaped north east corner of this section of the building adds further in creating a unified composition. This frame section features a wide, central brick chimney, flanked by rectangular, double-hung, first and second floor windows.

WEST ELEVATION

This elevation is notable for its two second floor, tripartite, Palladian windows, its wide bargeboards and prominent wooden corner quoins. A rectangular, first floor, entrance door is located on the south side and two tri-partite, first-floor, casement windows on the north side of this elevation. Two rectangular, double-hung, attic windows are inset into the pediment formed by the wide bargeboards.

INTERIOR

Initially the interior floor plan was asymmetrical. With the raising of the roof of the central entrance bay between 1937 and 1947 and the addition of an east wing, the informal plan became a more formal, central hall plan with rooms of the original house off its west wall and a large living room off its east. Mr. Warwick Keegan, owner at that time was responsible for these changes.

Fine woodwork is featured throughout the house. An unusual segmental arched hallway leads from the central hall into the present dining room. It features arched, wooden doors, surmounted by arched wooden lintels, connecting to a fine chair rail. The large brick chimney holds two fireplaces; one for the south wall of the study and one a corner mantle piece in the dining room. The floors in these two rooms consist of wide, random width, floorboards. That in the study is cherry. That in the dining room is walnut. These floorboards were cut from trees on the property.



## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      circa 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This early nineteenth century, New England Colonial style farm house is significant in the areas of architecture, politics/government, and local history.

Architecturally, Paternal Gift Farm presents a fine example of Colonial New England architecture, which has been adapted through the years to meet the needs of its occupants, while still retaining its basic integrity. Paternal Gift Farm's west wing, the original nineteenth century house, features elements found in Colonial New England architecture. Such elements include corner quoins, wide bargeboards along the eaves of the roof line, proportionally scaled, ship lap, frame siding, Palladian windows on its north and west elevations and gabled roof, dormer windows. Unlike most local Howard County architecture, an interior chimney stack is found here, which rises close to the center of the roof line. (Brick or stone chimneys in Howard County are generally found on each end of the buildings, which often feature central hall plans.) The wide random width, cherry and walnut floors and original interior fireplaces are features of the New England Colonial style. Additionally, a touch of the Dutch influence in New York States' Colonial architecture is found in the segmental arched, barrel vaulted, passageway and respective entry doors between the hall and present dining room. This is quite unique in Howard County and adds further significance to the buildings' importance in the area of architecture.

Three major stages of construction took place at Paternal Gift Farm. The first phase of construction has been described. The central, intersecting gabled roof, entrance hall section was added at a later date. Still later, a third major building block was added in the form of a two story high living room extension outlined in the previous description. The central entrance hall section was added after the west wing. The cut in the gable roof of the west wing on the east side of both the north and south elevations clearly indicates this fact. Features in the staircase of this later section match the staircase of the early nineteenth century, west wing. This can be seen in the square spindles and simple knewel posts of both staircases. Such features are found throughout early nineteenth century, Howard County houses. The buildings' success is due to the fine integration of all these elements into a unified whole.

Politically, Paternal Gift Farm is significant through its association with Dr. Charles Alexander Warfield, who was active in the events leading up to the revolution. Most notable was the burning of the "Peggy Stuart", Maryland's "Boston Tea Party". "Liberty and Independence, or Death in pursuit of it", was Dr. Warfield's motto. It was he who patented a 510 acre tract of land, named "Paternal Gift", for his son, Gustavus, who owned the property for some 37 years. It is conceivable that the west wing was constructed by Dr. Charles Alexander Warfield sometime during the 37 years it was owned by the family.

Historically Paternal Gift Farm is significant for its associations with prominent Howard County families. The 1860 Martennet map designates a Z. Waters at this location and the 1878 Hopkin's Atlas notes a Mr. Harding here.

The Harding family was notable in the affairs of Howard County and held the property until 1937. At that time it was acquired by Mr. Warwick Keegan, from whose widow, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Scheidt acquired it. Mr. Keegan is responsible for modernizing the building (introducing the heating ducts, etcetera) adding the east wing, raising the roof of the central entrance bay and creating an integrated composition, which emphasizes the original Colonial New England style architecture of the house.

The late Melvin E. Scheidt was active in historic preservation and landscape gardening, working with Historic Annapolis on the Paca House and gardens.

In 1986 the historical and architectural significance of Paternal Gift Farm was publicly noted by Historic Ellicott City, Inc., when it selected "Paternal Gift Farm" as its third annual showcase. (See attachment 6)

This is a distinct honor conferred on only the most notable architectural and historical buildings in Howard County, Maryland. Shortly after this, the house was acquired by Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Allen, who hope to allow others to share its history through its proposed use as a Country Inn.

For the reasons outlined, Paternal Gift Farm is of outstanding architectural and historical significance. As such, it should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Howard County Historic Sites Inventory.



## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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### Howard County Land Records

Historic Ellicott City, Inc. "Paternal Gift Farm Showcase, September 27 - October 26, 1986", Brochure prepared by Showcase Committee under Enalee Bounds, Chairman, September 27, 1986. Interview with owners, Mr. & Mrs. Allen at Paternal Gift Farm

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.748 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 40, Block 10, p. 493

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 1644 Folio 001

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora B. Thompson, Planning Consultant

May 1, 1988

ORGANIZATION

DATE

10033 The Mending Wall

(301) 730-8195

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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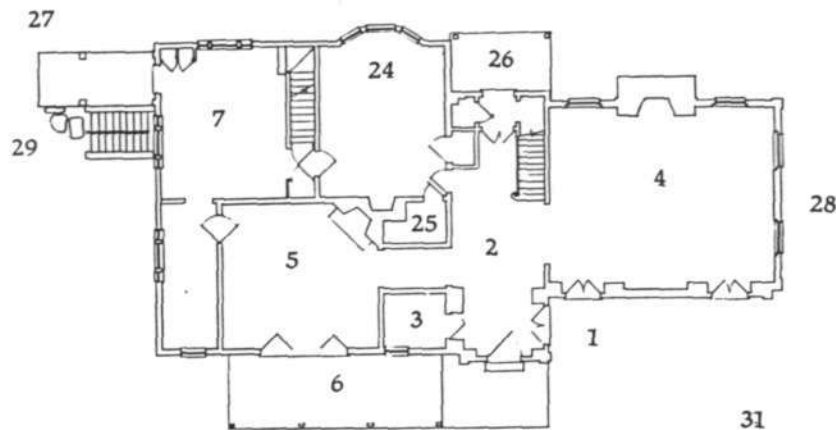
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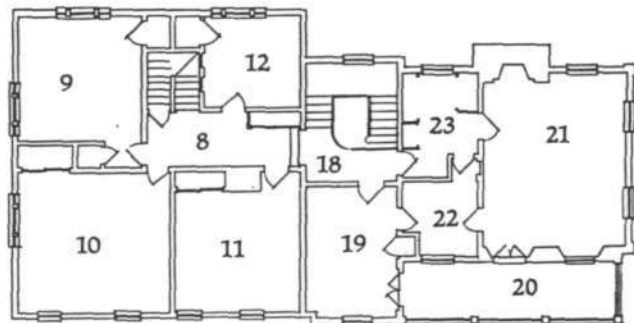
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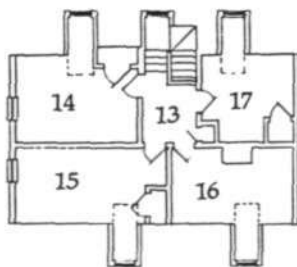
# Floorplans



First Floor



Second Floor



Third Floor

Attachment 5  
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Paternal Gift Farm  
Third Floor Plan  
Early Nineteenth Century  
Showcase Committee Brochure,  
Enalee Bounds, Chairman

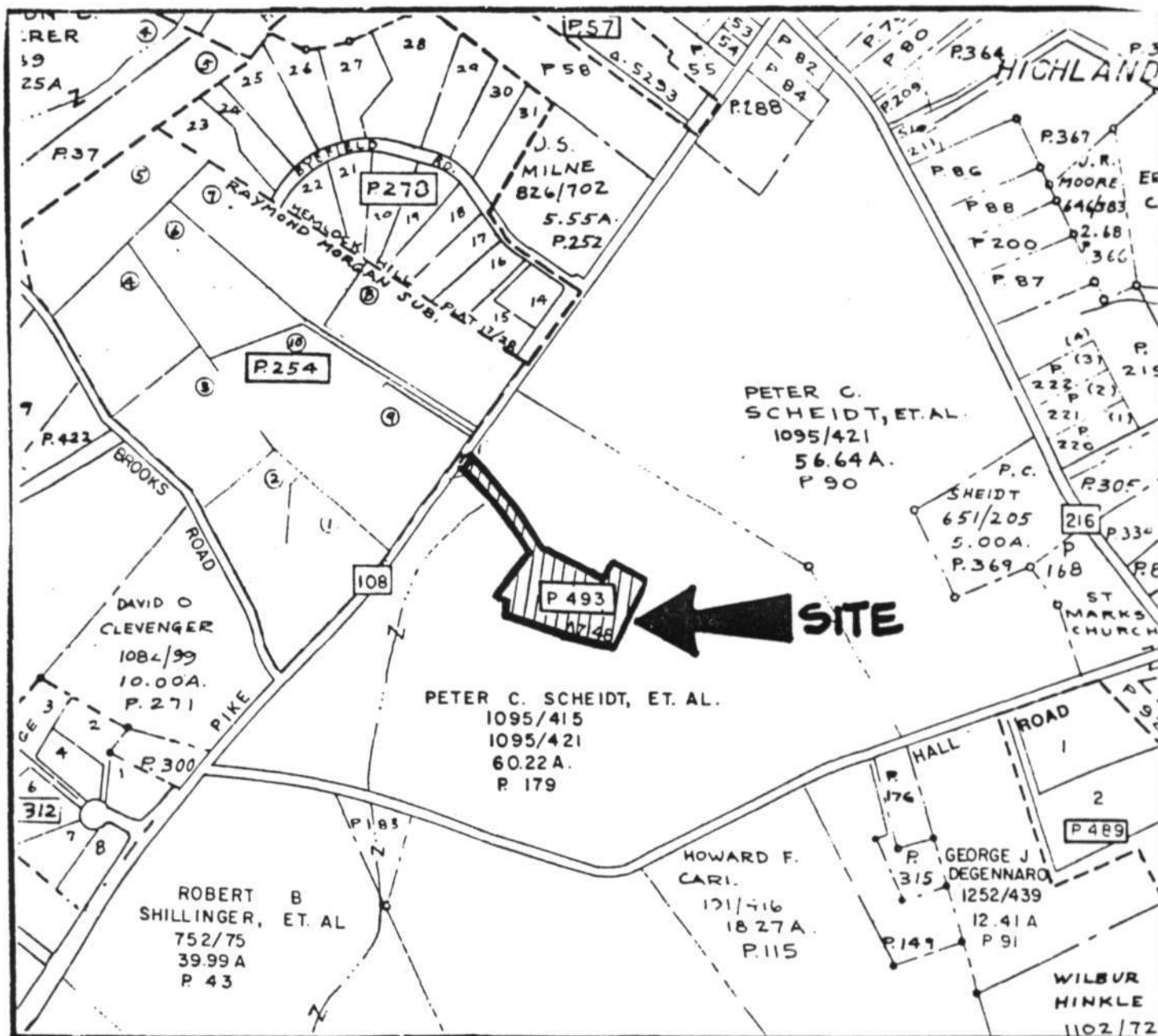
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| 1<br>Terrace                | 16<br>Weaving Room          |
| 2<br>Reception Hall         | 17<br>Bath                  |
| 3<br>Mud-Tack Room          | 18<br>Upper Chamber Hall    |
| 4<br>Living Room            | 19<br>Sarah's Nursery       |
| 5<br>Dining Room            | 20<br>The Summer Balcony    |
| 6<br>Hunt Breakfast Porch   | 21<br>Master Bedroom        |
| 7<br>French Country Kitchen | 22<br>Master Bath           |
| 8<br>Lower Chamber Hall     | 23<br>Dressing Room         |
| 9<br>Peter's Room           | 24<br>Study                 |
| 10<br>Sally's Room          | 25<br>Study Bath            |
| 11<br>Carol's Sitting Room  | 26<br>Back Porch            |
| 12<br>Family Bath           | 27<br>Kitchen Herb Garden   |
| 13<br>Stairway & Entry Hall | 28<br>Pool Area             |
| 14<br>Living Room           | 29<br>Country Crafts        |
| 15<br>Bedroom               | 30<br>Chicken Coop Antiques |
| 31<br>Sleepchase Picnic     |                             |

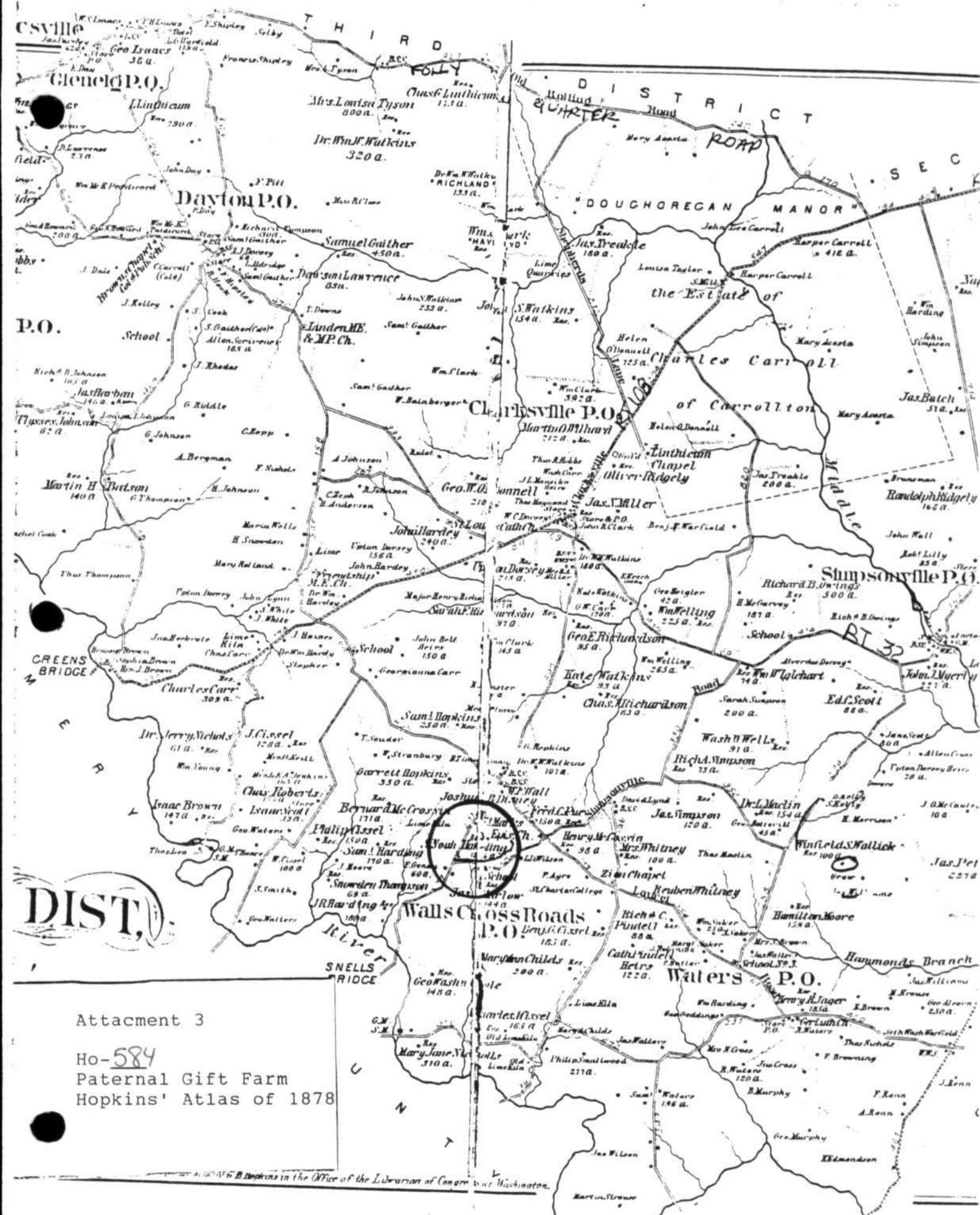
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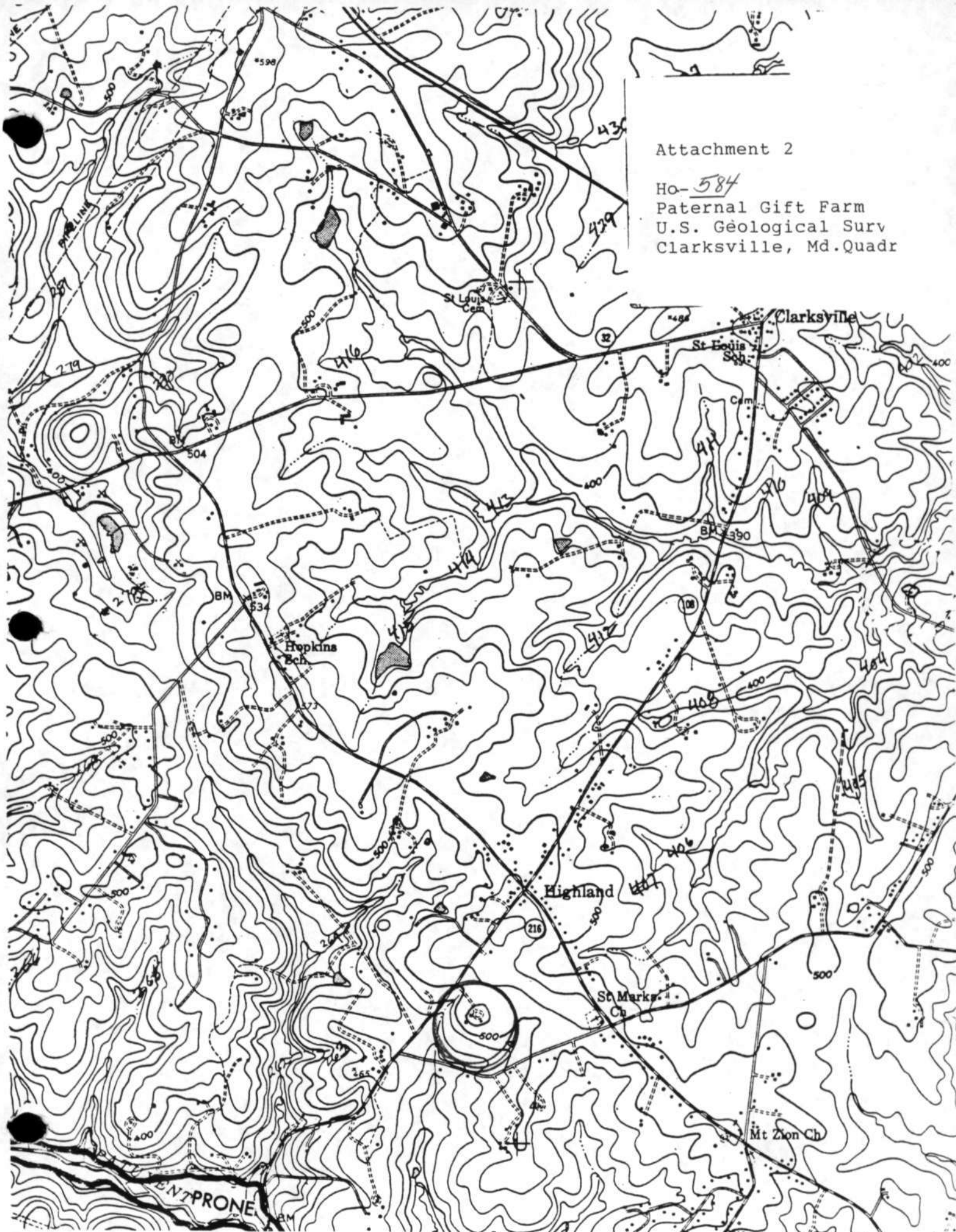






Attachment 2

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Paternal Gift Farm  
U.S. Geological Surv  
Clarksville, Md. Quadr





*Historic Ellicott City, Inc.  
is pleased to welcome you to its  
Third Annual ShowHouse*



*Paternal Gift Farm*

*a magnificent circa 1868  
English country farm house  
September 27th-October 26, 1986*



Attachment 6  
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Paternal Gift Farm  
South Elevation  
Cover of Showcase Committee Brochure,  
Analee Bounds, Chairman



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Address: 13555 Route 108  
Highland, Maryland 20777  
County: Howard  
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Allen  
Address: Same as above  
Telephone: 301-854-2908  
Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.  
View: North Elevation of Main House  
Direction: Photographer facing south



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View: Southwest View

Taken From: Southwest





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View: East Elevation  
Direction: Photographer facing west



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Address: Same as above  
Telephone: 301-854-2908  
Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.  
View: Northwest corner of Tent roofed Smoke House  
Direction: Photographer facing east from the northeast corner  
of the Main House.





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Photographer: Cleora E. Thompson, A.I.C.P.  
View: East elevation of adjoining horse barn  
Direction: Photographer looking west from west wall of main house